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state I am the attorney for this application and that I have reviewed the

- 1 page of abstract
- 17 pages of specification
- 2 pages of claims
- 8 pages of preliminary amendment

as shown in my files to be papers I filed in respect to the above-identified application and have compared them to the papers attached to the declaration(s) of

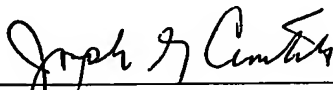
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for Defoaming Agent for Cementitious Composition

that accompany this statement, and I declare that these papers attached to the declaration(s) are a copy of the specification as filed and any amendment thereto that I filed in the USPTO in order to obtain a filing date for this application by:

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**COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS
 FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL
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I. This replies to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed November 29, 2005.

- ☒ A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 USC §371 and 37 CFR 1.494 in the United States Designated/Elected Office is enclosed (Form PCT/DO/EO/905).

DECLARATION OR OATH

- II. (a) ☒ No executed original declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original executed declaration or oath for this application.

OR

- (b) ☐ The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

Attached is a

- (c) ☐ Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the USPTO is the application which the inventor executed by signing the declaration.
- (d) ☒ Statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the USPTO to obtain the filing date.

AMENDMENT

- III. ☐ An amendment in accordance with 37 CFR §1.121 is attached.
- ☐ The attached amendment

TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS

- IV. ☐ Submitted herewith is a verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the USPTO.

SMALL ENTITY STATUS

V. Applicant is

- [] a small entity
verified statement:
- [] enclosed
- [] already filed in application
- [X] other than a small entity

COMPLETION FEES

VI.

1. Filing Fee

- ☐ original patent application (37 CFR 1.16(a)- \$790; Small entity - \$395) \$ 0.00
- ☐ Design application (37 CFR 1.16(f) \$330; small entity - \$165) \$ 0.00

2. Fees for claims

☐ each independent claim in excess of 3
(38 CFR 1.16(b)-\$82; small entity -\$41) \$ 0.00

☐ each claim in excess of 20 (37 CFR 1.16(c)-\$22;
small entity-\$11) \$ 0.00

☐ multiple dependent claim(s) (37 CFR 1.16(d) - \$270;
small entity- \$135) \$ 0.00

3. Surcharge Fees

☐ late payment of filing fee
and/or

☒ late filing of original declaration or oath (37 CFR 1.16(e) - \$130;
small entity - \$65); \$ 130.00

4. ☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person not the
inventor (37 CFR 1.17(h) and 1.47 - \$130) \$ 0.00

5. ☐ Fee for processing an application filed with a specification in a non-
English language (37 CFR 1.17(k) and 1.52(d)-\$130) \$ 0.00

6. ☐ Fee for processing and retention of application (37 CFR 1.21(l) and
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EXTENSION OF TIME

VII.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

(a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out
in 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d), for the total number of months checked below:

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<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 1,080.00
Extension Fee		\$ <u>120.00</u>

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

Based on the extension requested in this petition, the extended period for response will expire on February 28, 2006.

or

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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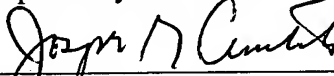
☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required for this case MBJ-0466, charge Deposit Account No. 50-3275. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Before the calculation of fees and the first Office Action on the merits, please amend the present application as follows.

The amendment to the specification is on page 2.

The amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

The remarks are on page 8.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Before the first sentence on page 1, please insert:

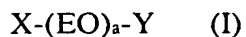
CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/EP2002/013328 filed 25 November 2002, from which application priority is claimed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

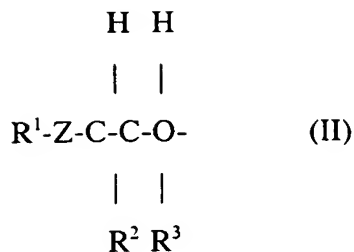
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A defoaming agent for cementitious compositions, ~~obtained by mixing~~ comprising a mixture of at least one polyethylene oxide derivative and at least one nonionic defoaming agent, wherein the polyethylene oxide derivative has at one end a hydrophobic group with at least one of a branched structure and an unsaturated bond, and at the other end an anionic group, wherein the unsaturated bond is optionally a double bond.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The defoaming agent according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the polyethylene oxide derivative is a compound expressed by formula I:



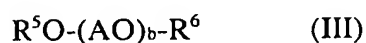
wherein X is a hydrophobic group comprising at least one of a branched structure and an unsaturated bond; Y is an ~~anion~~ anionic group; EO is $-CH_2CH_2O-$ and a is an integer from 6 to 100.

4. (Original) The defoaming agent according to claim 3 wherein a is an integer from 15 to 60.
5. (Currently Amended) The defoaming agent according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 4, wherein the hydrophobic group comprising at least one of a branched structure and an unsaturated bond is expressed by formula II:



wherein Z is O or an amine; R¹, R² and R³ are each independently alkyl or phenyl, naphthyl, alkenyl, alkylene oxide with 2 to 4 carbon atoms or any derivatives thereof, and R² and R³ may also be each independently H, with the proviso that R¹ is not alkyl when R² and R³ are both H.

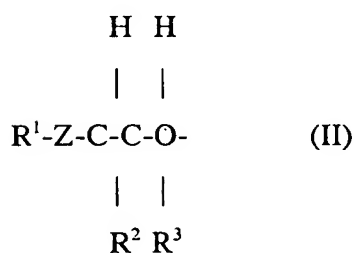
6. (Currently Amended) The defoaming agent according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 5, wherein the ~~anion~~ anionic group is -SO₃M, -(CH₂CH₂)OSO₃M, -R⁴COOM (wherein R⁴ is -C_mH_{2m}- (in which m is an integer 10 > m > 0 and preferably 1 or 2) or a phenyl group), -PO₃M or -CO(CH₂)_nCOOM (wherein M is Na salt, K salt, Ca salt, Mg salt, NH₄ salt or H, n is 2 or 3).
7. (Currently Amended) The defoaming agent according to ~~any of the claims~~ claim 1 to 6 wherein the nonionic defoaming agent is expressed by formula III:



wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently an aliphatic hydrocarbon with 10 to 25 carbon atoms, an alkyl group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms or H; AO is a block polymer and/or a random polymer constituted of alkylene oxide with 2 to 3 carbon atoms and b is an integer from 5 to 500.

8. (Currently Amended) The defoaming agent according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 7 ~~obtained by mixing~~ wherein the polyethylene oxide derivative and the nonionic defoaming agent are at a ratio in the range of 20:80 to 60:40 (wt%).

9. (Original) The defoaming agent according to claim 7, wherein the nonionic defoaming agent, when converted to polyethylene glycol, has a weight average molecular weight in the range from 300 to 30,000 and the weight ratio of the ethylene oxide in said molecular weight is in the range of 5 to 80%.
10. (Currently Amended) A water-reducing composition comprising a blend of a polycarboxylate-type high performance air-entraining (AE) water-reducing agent and a defoaming agent according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~[[9]]~~.
11. (Currently Amended) A method of defoaming a cementitious composition by the addition to the composition of a defoaming agent according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~[[9]]~~.
12. (New) The defoaming agent of claim 6 wherein m is 1 or 2.
13. (New) The defoaming agent according to claim 3, wherein the hydrophobic group comprising at least one of a branched structure and an unsaturated bond is expressed by formula II:

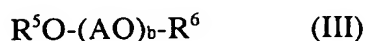


wherein Z is O or an amine; R¹, R² and R³ are each independently alkyl or phenyl, naphthyl, alkenyl, alkylene oxide with 2 to 4 carbon atoms or any derivatives thereof, and R² and R³ may also be each independently H, with the proviso that R¹ is not alkyl when R² and R³ are both H.

14. (New) The defoaming agent according to claim 3, wherein the anionic group is -SO₃M, -(CH₂CH₂)OSO₃M, -R⁴COOM (wherein R⁴ is -C_mH_{2m}- (in which m is an

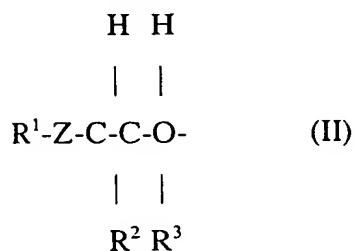
integer $10 > m > 0$) or a phenyl group), $-\text{PO}_3\text{M}$ or $-\text{CO}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{COOM}$ (wherein M is Na salt, K salt, Ca salt, Mg salt, NH_4 salt or H, n is 2 or 3).

15. (New) The defoaming agent of claim 14 wherein m is 1 or 2.
16. (New) The defoaming agent according to claim 3 wherein the nonionic defoaming agent is expressed by formula III:



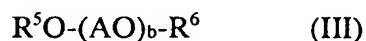
wherein R^5 and R^6 are each independently an aliphatic hydrocarbon with 10 to 25 carbon atoms, an alkyl group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms or H; AO is a block polymer and/or a random polymer constituted of alkylene oxide with 2 to 3 carbon atoms and b is an integer from 5 to 500.

17. (New) A water-reducing composition comprising a blend of a polycarboxylate-type high performance air-entraining (AE) water-reducing agent and a defoaming agent according to claim 3.
18. (New) A method of defoaming a cementitious composition by the addition to the composition of a defoaming agent according to claim 3.
19. (New) The defoaming agent according to claim 4, wherein the hydrophobic group comprising at least one of a branched structure and an unsaturated bond is expressed by formula II:



wherein Z is O or an amine; R¹, R² and R³ are each independently alkyl or phenyl, naphthyl, alkenyl, alkylene oxide with 2 to 4 carbon atoms or any derivatives thereof, and R² and R³ may also be each independently H, with the proviso that R¹ is not alkyl when R² and R³ are both H.

20. (New) The defoaming agent according to claim 4, wherein the anionic group is -SO₃M, -(CH₂CH₂)OSO₃M, -R⁴COOM (wherein R⁴ is -C_mH_{2m}- (in which m is an integer 10 > m > 0) or a phenyl group), -PO₃M or -CO(CH₂)_nCOOM (wherein M is Na salt, K salt, Ca salt, Mg salt, NH₄ salt or H, n is 2 or 3).
21. (New) The defoaming agent according to claim 4 wherein the nonionic defoaming agent is expressed by formula III:



wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently an aliphatic hydrocarbon with 10 to 25 carbon atoms, an alkyl group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms or H; AO is a block polymer and/or a random polymer constituted of alkylene oxide with 2 to 3 carbon atoms and b is an integer from 5 to 500.

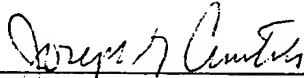
REMARKS

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Amendments to the claims have been made to place the claims in U.S. format. Applicant submits that the amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims, but rather are for purposes of clarification and proper format.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above claims before the fees are calculated and earnestly solicits a formal Notice of Allowability directed to claims 1 and 3-21.

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